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WAITING FOR 'RAMIL' The sun is going down over Baguio City but not on the hope of its residents that they will be spared from the wrath of Typhoon "Ramil" as it approaches northern Luzon. Some residents are still grieving over the loss of their love ones who had remained in their cliff-side houses that were damaged by Tropical Storm "Pepeng." Officials now want to remove the houses that could be threatened by future storms.

Typhoon gains strength

Relief aid sent to north Luzon as 'Ramil' nears

By Nikko Dizon and Jocelyn R. Uy

A POTENTIAL SUPERTYPHOON PLODDED TOward northern Luzon yesterday, prompting civilian and military officials to dispatch emergency relief supplies and life-saving equipment to the region.

Currently designated locally as Typhoon "Ramil" and internationally as "Lupit," the 18th weather disturbance this year was plotted at 4 p.m. yesterday in the Pacific Ocean 1,350 kilometers east of Aparri, Cagayan.

Packing peak winds of 175 km per hour gusting up to 210 kph, Ramil was "almost stationary" for a few hours yesterday before moving slowly west. It was expected to smash Cagayan either Wednesday evening or early Thursday, weather officials said.

"The more days it spends over sea, the more it is intensifying," said Nathaniel Cruz of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

Cruz said Ramil could turn into a supertyphoon with winds up to 215 kph and smash across Cagayan, Kalinga, Ilocos Norte,

TYPHOON A11

Benguet town fears isolation

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Kibungan Mayor Benito Siadto fears another typhoon will further isolate his town before the people can buy fresh food supplies.

Siadto said their rice supply was also being depleted, forcing him to appeal to the National Food Authority (NFA) to replenish stocks for 300 needy families.

Kibungan has been cut off from this capital town and Baguio City since landslides triggered by Tropical Storm "Pepeng" blocked major roads on Oct. 9.

Volunteer workers are clearing an alternate link to Barangay Ampusungan in Bakun town and the national highway to allow farmers to transport their cabbage, carrot, potato and chayote to the trading post here and buy the food they need.

The town has two access roads to the Halsema Highway—the Madaymen-Halsema Road and the Azop-Kapangan

BENGUET A11



MALL ATTACK The body of a suspected robber lies at the entrance of the Rolex store at Greenbelt 5 in Makati City. ALBERTO LOPEZ

Robber killed in Greenbelt shoot-out

By Allison W. Lopez, Marlon Ramos and Doris C. Dumlao

WEARING BONNETS AND the black uniforms of bomb squad agents, six men got off a van near the Greenbelt 5 basement parking area and hurried up the stairs, telling a guard that they were checking a call about a bomb in the building.

One of the men was later found to be carrying a grenade launcher.

In a brazen noon-hour robbery yesterday at the choicest of the Greenbelt malls in Makati City, gunfire rang out, one of the six intruders fell dead, mall workers dove for cover, and shoppers scampered to a nearby chapel to

ROBBER A11

Calamities as catalysts of political upheavals

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

CATASTROPHIC EVENTS, SUCH as the devastation wrought by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and Tropical Storm "Pepeng," sometimes prove to be catalysts of political upheavals with far-reaching consequences for the course of politics in the country.

Ondoy and Pepeng have already drastically redrawn the political map of the May 2010 presidential election more than any other nature-triggered calamity that hit the country during the past 40 years.

They are the worst disasters to shake the country in political and security terms, since the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in June 1991.

The Pinatubo event produced the second largest terrestrial eruption of the 20th century. It was purely a natural catastrophe, unlike the Ondoy and Pepeng disasters in which the flooding was not mainly caused by an extraordinary volume of rainfall. The flooding was aggravated by manmade abuse of the urban drainage in-

CALAMITIES A6

Metro squatter relocation to cost ₱32B

By Norman Bordadora and Alcuin Papa

THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS more than ₱32 billion in the next 10 years to relocate qualified families from among the more than 500,000 households of informal settlers in Metro Manila, according to an interagency committee.

The number of squatter families represents 21 percent of the estimated 2.6 million households in Metro Manila.

One of every five households of informal settlers lives in danger areas such as riverbanks, floodways, roads, aqueducts and under bridges, according to the Metro Manila Inter-Agency Committee on Informal Settlers (MMIAC).

In a report, the MMIAC said the government would need ₱3.225 billion yearly to come up with the 22,800 socialized housing units needed every year over a 10-year period.

The MMIAC's report was one of the documents the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) submitted to the Supreme Court on Oct. 13 in compliance with the

METRO A11

Pinoy 2nd in Rubik's Cube tilt

By Mike Mendez

WITH QUICK FLICKS OF HIS fingers, he can solve a 4x4x4 version of the Rubik's Cube faster than you can make a pack of popcorn.

It took Durben Virtusio 47 seconds, a feat that landed him a podium finish in the 4x4x4 cube event at the World Cube Championships (WCC) held

PINOY A6

Pupils learn from 'Basura Monster' story





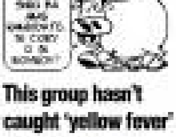
STORY STRUCK Pupils of Albay Central School listen intently to storyteller Jeremy Cruz as he reads "Basura Monster" at Legazpi City Hall.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEGAZPI CITY—"IS THE BAsura (garbage) monster real?" asked the second-graders who attended the Inquirer Read-Along here on Friday.

The children said the "Basura Monster," a story read by Jeremy Cruz, officer in charge of Oas Rite High School, reminded them of images they had seen on television—floodwaters with garbage, dead animals and furniture parts swallowing up communities in the aftermath of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and

PUPILS A13



This group hasn't caught 'yellow fever'

By Christian V. Esguerra

A YOUNG POLITICAL PARTY seems immune from the "yellow fever" that is fast spreading, together with the rising popularity of the No. 1 presidential aspirant, Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III.

THIS GROUP A11

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RESIDENTS OF HOUSES razed in the crash of a cargo plane in Las Piñas City on Saturday survey the extent of the damage. [illegible] (Story on Page A7.)

'US troops can help rescue priest'

By Christian V. Esguerra

A MALACAÑANG OFFICIAL YESTERDAY SAID the Philippine government was open to enlisting the aid of American troops in rescue operations for kidnapped Irish missionary Fr. Michael Sinnott.

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MILF denial

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Palace agrees with dismissal of mutiny charges vs officers

MALACAÑANG SAID Saturday it would respect a military court's decision dismissing mutiny charges against 11 military officers in connection with a 2006 failed coup attempt, [illegible]

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MILF leaders want US role in peace talks

Committed to peace

EU, Spanish visitors

Murad thanks Obama





Priests dared: Get involved, effect change



Drop remittance tax, group asks

More OFWs walk off jobs



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Cory legacy wearing thin

Engine failure likely cause of Las Piñas plane crash–officials

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Instead of a pen

Senate panel to tackle 2010 nat'l budget during break

Solon wants stock trading in curriculum





DOJ clears sellers of historic Luneta Hotel of fraud charges

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

JUSTICE SECRETARY AGNES Devanadera has reversed a Department of Justice resolution charging a group of businessmen linked to the late President Ferdinand Marcos with syndicated estafa for allegedly selling the historic Luneta Park Hotel in Ermita, Manila, using a fake title.

Devanadera cleared Erlinda Padilla, Mario Cristobal, Nicole Morris, Jose Marcel Padilla and Honorato Valerio, all former partners of Rizal Park Hotel Inc. (RPHI), of syndicated as well as simple estafa.

She ordered the DOJ prosecutors handling the case to withdraw the information they filed with Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 21.

In January, a DOJ panel headed by State Prosecutor Philip de la Cruz approved the filing of syndicated estafa charges against Padilla and the others for alleged falsification of public documents at least twice in an attempt to sell the 300-square-meter lot on which the Luneta Park Hotel stands.

Complainant F.E. Hancock Resources Corp., represented by corporate secretary Santiago Alvarez Jr., said it bought the lot from RPHI through deeds of assignment of all RPHI shares of stock issued on Sept. 15, 1973.

Hancock said that Padilla et al. under the Rizal Park Hotel Corp. then sold the property to Bencamera Holdings Corp. on May 11, 2007, for P20 million under a new transfer certificate of title.

In her seven-page resolution issued last Thursday, Devanadera said Padilla et al. could not be held liable for selling their shares of stock in Hancock in 1973 since the law penalizing syndicated estafa, Presidential Decree 1689, only took effect on April 6, 1980.

"Therefore, back in September 1973, solicitation of money contributions of stockholders which may later be misappropriated by the members of the corporation was not yet punishable as syndicated estafa," said Devanadera, who is concurrently the solicitor general.

She said the elements of simple estafa were also not present since the law applied only to the misappropriation of money, goods and personal property and not real property like the Luneta Park Hotel.

"There is also no estafa by false pretense under Article 315 of the Revised Penal Code since there is no allegation by Hancock to the effect that it parted with its money on the pretext of the false pretense or fraudulent acts of the respondents," Devanadera said.

She ruled that Erlinda Padilla "never possessed a false title to warrant a finding that Bencamera bought the property and parted with its money through false pretenses and fraudulent means employed by her."

A historical landmark, the Luneta Park Hotel is one of the remaining structures that survived World War II. It has been undergoing "structural rehabilitation and retrofit" since it was bought by Bencamera in 2007.

Ombudsman lets case vs Palawan gov stand

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN HAS dismissed the appeal of Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes to drop the graft case filed against him for granting permits to two mining firms that violated mining regulations.

After a 14-month review of the case, the Ombudsman issued a memorandum on Sept. 22 affirming the findings that Reyes and Andronico J. Baguyo, head of the technical secretariat of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board, should be charged by the Sandiganbayan.

"The subject resolution ... is not a violation of the right of due process of the accused," said Assistant Special Prosecutor Jennifer E. Ganzon to the Ombudsman.

The antigraft court's Fifth Division ordered a reinvestigation of the case in August 2008 after the two were indicted when Reyes claimed that the Ombudsman failed to consider all the evidence he had submitted.

He also said that Ombudsman Ma. Merceditas Gutierrez, and not Overall Deputy Ombudsman Orlando Casimiro, should have signed the resolution recommending his indictment.

Reyes and Baguyo were each charged with two counts of graft after they allegedly illegally issued two small-scale mining permits to Platinum Group Metals Corp. and Olympic Mines and Development Corp.

Prosecutors claimed the permits were approved despite several violations by the mining firms of mining regulations, including the alleged use of heavy equipment contrary to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7076 or the Small-Scale Mining Act. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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Why Chiz has not yet made an announcement

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Neal H. Cruz

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Still, why am I not surprised?

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No meddling in Parañaque

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A waste of precious money

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Across the NATION

Teachers convert homes to schools

BIÑAN, LAGUNA—WITH classrooms crowded with evacuees and the school grounds still flooded, where could the students go?

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Home study

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Dropouts, transferees

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Negros Oriental gives P1-M donation

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Rumbling Mayon attracts runners

By Jonas Cabiles Soltes
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEGAZPI CITY—EVEN AS IT remains rumbling and restive, Mayon Volcano on Sunday attracted almost 250 sports enthusiasts from all over the country to a 21-kilometer trail run, which had the world's most perfect cone as its backdrop. [illegible]



PARTICIPANTS traverse a section of the 21-kilometer Mayon Trail Run International route in Legazpi City on Sunday. [illegible]

DENR exec warns of landslide in Negros village

By Ronny Amarado
Inquirer Visayas

DUMAGUETE CITY—ENVIRONMENT officials here have warned that a landslide has become more likely to occur in Barangay Budlasan, Canlaon City. [illegible]

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Logging in Sierra Madre goes on, says priest



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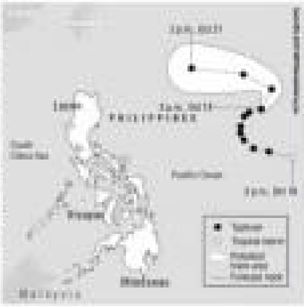
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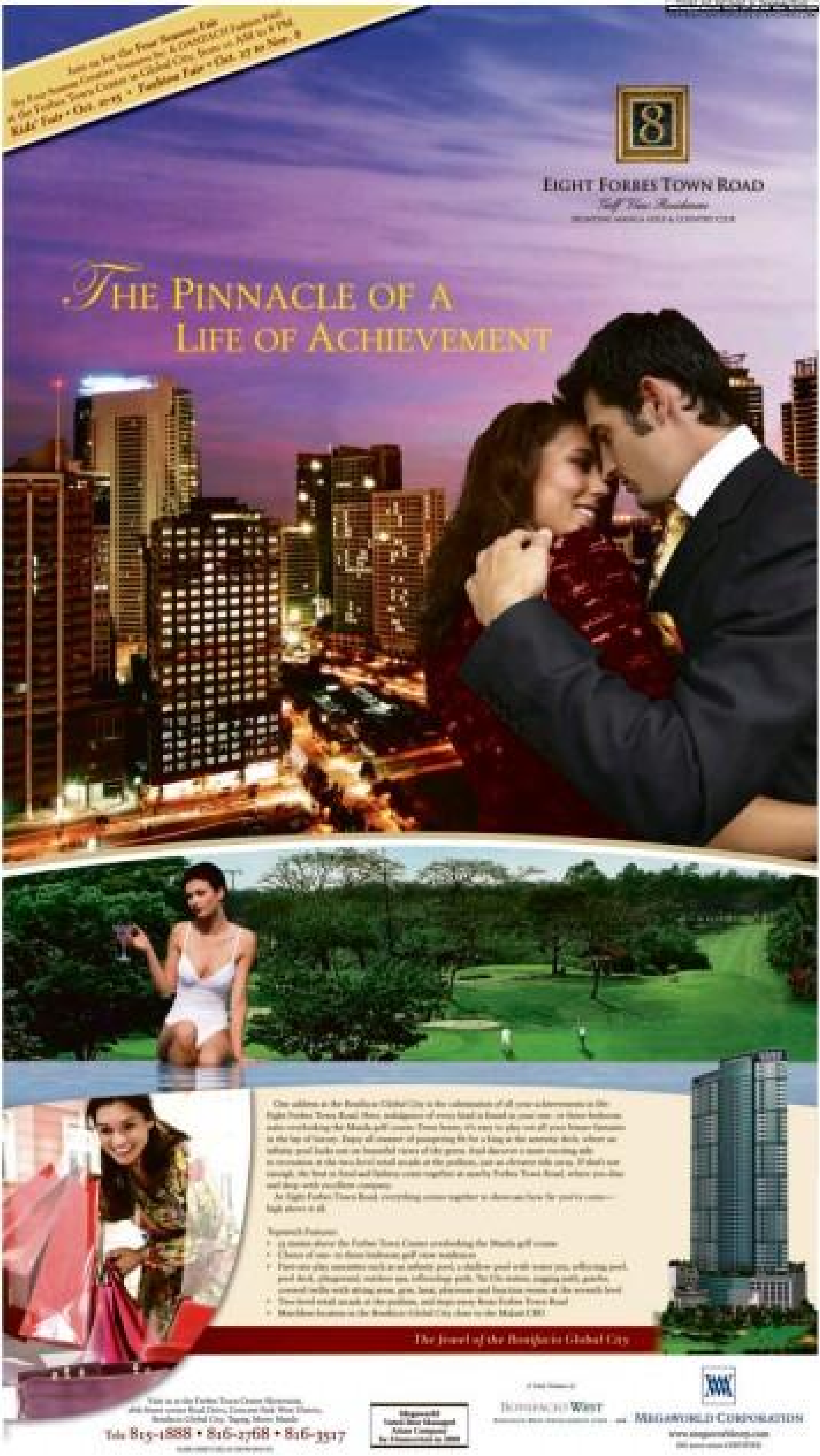
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20 hurt in 7-vehicle mishap in Taytay

By DJ Yap

A DUMP TRUCK DRIVER LOST CONTROL OF HIS VEHICLE ON A HIGHway in Taytay, Rizal, yesterday morning, causing a seven-vehicle mishap and sending 20 people to different hospitals.

Teenager kills self after fight with sister over clothes

By Jeannette I. Andrade



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Navotas City gov't starts preparing for Nov. 1

By Beverly T. Natividad

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Slow down on relocation plan, senator told

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

20 hurt in mishap



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India's natural gas tied up in $17-B brothers' feud

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Aussie girl, 16, to sail solo around the world



Surging China to overtake Japan in next two years, say analysts

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Bueno

Police to file charges in balloon saga

DENVER, COLORADO—POLICE WERE GEARING UP TO FILE criminal charges against family members involved in Colorado's runaway balloon saga as speculation mounted that the entire drama was faked.

Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden told reporters on Saturday that officers were preparing search warrants and drawing up charges against eccentric amateur scientist Richard Heene and unidentified members of his family.

Alderden did not specify what charges were likely to be issued against Heene, who underwent a day of further questioning by police on Saturday amid suspicion that the event could have been a hoax.

"We're in the process of drafting search warrants and we do anticipate at some point in the future there will be some criminal charges filed with regards to this incident," said Alderden.

"What those charges will be are most likely misdemeanors, which hardly seems serious enough given the circumstances."

However, the sheriff also said he would be talking with the Federal Aviation Administration and other federal agencies about possible federal charges stemming from the incident.

Asked if it was a hoax, Alderden replied: "I think I've said enough here that you guys can read what's going on without me saying anything more formal."

Police were initially convinced Heene and his family were telling the truth about the circumstances of Thursday's drama, when Heene's 6-year-old son, Falcon, was thought to have floated away in a homemade balloon.

The story dominated cable television broadcasts for several hours as millions tuned in to watch the drama unfold.

More than 80 law enforcement officers, news helicopters and search crews tracked the balloon on Thursday as it soared 2,300 feet (702 meters) above the ground for more than 80 kilometers before landing in a field near Denver International Airport.

The balloon was empty, prompting concerns the boy had fallen from it. Several hours later, Falcon came down from an attic space where he had been hiding as the search continued, sparking joyous scenes.

Saturday's latest developments came at the end of another bizarre day which had begun with Heene telling reporters camped outside his Fort Collins home to stand by for a "big announcement."

He finally emerged from his house carrying a cardboard box which he asked reporters to put written questions into for his consideration.

He brushed off shouted questions apart from one which asked him to confirm "once and for all" if the balloon drama had been a hoax.

"Absolutely no hoax. I want your questions in a box and I'll get right back to you, okay?" Heene said.

Skepticism about the saga was fueled late Thursday when Falcon Heene said during a CNN interview that he had not come out of his hiding place during the drama because "you guys said that we did this for the show." AFP



RICHARD Heene, his wife Mayumi and their sons Bradford, Falcon and Ryo with a homemade balloon in the background in undated publicity photo. AP PHOTO

20 killed in attack on Iran guards

TEHRAN, IRAN—A SUICIDE bomber killed at least 20 people on Sunday, including five senior commanders of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, in southeastern Iran, the country's official news agency reported.

The Irna news agency said the dead included the deputy commander of the Guard's ground force, Gen. Noor Ali Shooshtari, as well as the Guard's chief provincial commander, Rajab Ali Mohammadzadeh. Dozens of others were wounded, the report said.

The commanders were inside a car on their way to a meeting in the Pishin region near Iran's border with Pakistan when an attacker with explosives blew himself up, Irna said.

Iran's parliamentary speaker, Ali Larijani, condemned the assassination of the Guard commanders, saying the bombing was aimed at disrupting security in southeastern Iran.

"We express our condolences for their martyrdom. ... The terrorists of the terrorist acts definitely endanger security in Sistan-Baluchestan Province," Larijani told an open session of the parliament broadcast live on state radio.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but suspicion would likely fall on the Sunni militant group Jundallah, or Soldiers of God, which has carried out attacks against the Revolutionary Guard and against Shiite targets in southeastern Iran.

In May the group took credit for a suicide bombing at a Shiite mosque that killed 25 people in Zahedan, the capital of Iran's Sistan-Baluchestan province, which has witnessed some of Jundallah's worst attacks. Thirteen members of the faction were convicted in the attack and hanged in July.

Jundallah, comprising fighters from the Baluchi ethnic minority, have waged a low-level insurgency in recent years, accusing the mostly Shiite government of persecution.

Jundallah has carried out bombings, kidnappings and other attacks against Iranian soldiers and other forces in recent years, including a car bombing in February 2007 that killed 11 members of the Revolutionary Guard near Zahedan.

The Revolutionary Guard was created after the 1979 Islamic Revolution as an ideological bulwark to defend Iran's clerical rule. The 120,000-strong elite force controls Iran's missile program and has its own ground, naval and air units. AP

US, France, Britain press Karzai over election audit

KABUL—WESTERN OFFICIALS HAVE been pressing Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, to accept the results of a UN-led audit, in a last-minute effort to smooth what has become an increasingly contentious election process.

A ruling on the extent of fraud in this country's Aug. 20 presidential election is expected on Sunday and if Karzai's vote slips below 50 percent as expected, a second round would be required. Western officials say privately that Karzai seems to be balking at accepting the results.

Sen. John Kerry, chair of the Foreign Relations Committee, met with Karzai at least twice on Saturday and separately with his main competitor, Abdullah Abdullah, stressing "the necessity of a legitimate outcome."

Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner of France went to Kabul and pressed both candidates to "respect" the audit process, the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Among the American officials working the phones were Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Richard C. Holbrooke, the special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain also called Karzai.

The spokesman for Karzai's campaign, Wahid Omar, denied that Karzai was rejecting the outcome of the audit but said that the campaign was concerned that the process was "being overshadowed by political discussions."

Three of the five members of the commission that is conducting the audit are UN-appointed experts, but the final results will be announced by the country's Independent Election Commission, whose top officials are allies of Karzai.



KARZAI AP PHOTO

A runoff could prove to bolster the legitimacy of the election and of the government it eventually produces. It could, however, take weeks if not months, leaving unanswered the question of who will be running the government.

Legally, there are few alternatives. The second round is mandated by the constitution, but some observers argued that the constitution was ignored this spring when the Supreme Court ruled that Karzai was still the legitimate head of state though his term had expired.

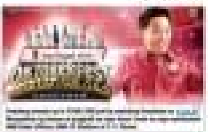
Karzai, who was credited with 54 percent of the vote before the fraud audit, opposes a second round.

There were also reports that foreign envoys were pressing both sides to work out a power-sharing deal. A senior American official noted that Karzai and Abdullah together won more than 70 percent of the votes cast in the first round, ensuring the credibility of a unity government. NYT



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Manny to earn more than $12M

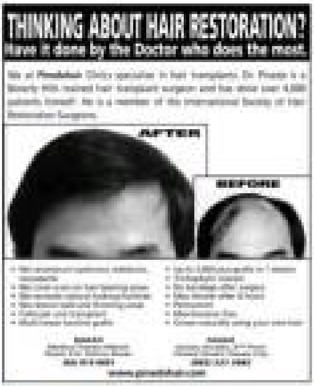
Veteran referee Bayless gets 'Firepower' assignment



MANNY Pacquiao's sparring sessions get tougher as he prepares for the match against Miguel Cotto, where he will eye a seventh division crown in what is expected to be his biggest payday thus far. Pacquiao faces Cotto on Nov. 14 in Las Vegas.













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Far Eastern, UST tossers show might



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Sta. Elena scores breakthrough Fed Golf victory

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Angels fall in 13 innings



Barrichello wins home GP pole



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Alora, Japoy Lizardo bow in quarters of world tilt



Kenyans stamp class in QCIM

Tolentino, Sabal best RP finishers





₱3M on line for KDJM races Sunday



BUSINESS



BSP to keep peso on an even keel

Concern raised for exporters, OFW households

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG Pilipinas said it would continue to temper the volatility of the peso, which recently broke into the 46-to-a-dollar level, raising concerns on how it would affect households totally dependent on remittances.

Exports seen to bounce back in 2010

THE COUNTRY'S EXPORT SECTOR is expected to make a turnaround next year and post a 7-percent growth, reversing the losses it incurred this year due to weak global demand.

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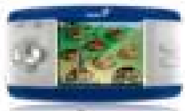
ALTHOUGH FLAT PANEL televisions, or LCD TVs, have yet to conquer Filipino living rooms, here comes the slimmest television set in the world—LED TV—that will, in a matter of months, populate electronic stores and eventually replace the LCD TV.

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11 with capacity of 300MW in the pipeline

By Amy R. Remo

DA pushing for revival of RP coffee industry

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McDonald's store network seen exceeding 300 this year

By Doris C. Dumlao

After breaching 10,000, Wall St. takes a breather

Analysts thinking whether rally will continue or over for now

Wal-Mart hits new markets with price cuts



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BUSINESS *Monday*

Business Features Editor: Margie Quimpo-Espino

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The changing world of CSR

Business called on to help solve social problems

By Jose Miguel Luz
Contributor

IN THE PAST TWO DECADES, THERE HAS been tremendous change and major developments in the political and economic landscape worldwide. These, in turn, have had a dramatic impact on the way institutions—governments, nongovernmental organizations and private businesses—approach public issues and problems.

What have we learned from the past two decades of globalization and [illegible] relevant in a world that is continually developing—a world that is "hotter, flatter and more crowded" in the words of Thomas Friedman, there are new processes, new players and a different expectations from these players and processes.

First, there is a process called a social dialogue, where government and business must learn to be inclusive with reference to community interests. This process is critical for open markets to develop and for democratization to occur.

Second, there are new players in the dialogue, notably civil society who can no longer be excluded from the discussion table. Civil society, however, are far from homogeneous.

THE CHANGING /B2-2

MOVEMENTS

Marco Polo has new GM

APC names new country head

Splash appoints Tomas CFO

Firms give typhoon victims a break

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



SAMSUNG offers free laundry services to typhoon victims under its Samsung Service Hope program.



UNDER Canon Project Rebuild (CPR), typhoon victims can have their Canon goods repaired at a discount.

The changing world of CSR

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Social dialogue

CSR in developing countries



CSR as strategy

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Roadmap . . .

Reform the procurement reform law

MAPping the Future

Manuel A. Alcuaz Jr.



BusinessMonday

Roadmap for nature drawn up

Companies join fight vs climate change

By Amy R. Remo

EVEN BEFORE TROPICAL Storm "Ondoy" ravaged Metro Manila, and experts blamed global warming for the unusual massive flooding, the country's business leaders had begun drafting a roadmap that would help combat climate change.

Through The Philippine Imperative (TPI), companies and nongovernment organizations have jointly drafted a roadmap that outlines concrete and practical action plans to be implemented within their own operations.

"Climate change has become an urgent matter for all sectors of society," said [illegible], former chief executive of Unilever in the Philippines and co-convenor of TPI.

According to the draft roadmap, which was released earlier this month during the country's first business summit on climate change, signatories to TPI committed to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions in their processes and operations.

Among those that signed with the TPI are big names and firms in Philippine business—Federico Lopez of First Gen Corp. and Edgar Chua of Pilipinas Shell, Henry Sy of SM, Holcim, HSBC, Asian Development Bank and media groups like the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Also involved are former Environment Secretary Elisea Gozun, Lisa Antonio of the Philippine Business for Environment, Lory Tan of WWF-Philippines and [illegible].

Most vulnerable

"The Philippines is one of the areas most vulnerable to climate change in Southeast Asia, particularly susceptible to multiple climate hazards like tropical cyclones, floods, sea level rise, landslides and droughts," the draft read.

The business sector admitted that while it is one of the biggest contributors to climate change, it is also most vulnerable to the repercussions of climate change.

"Climate change therefore poses both risks and opportunities to all parts of the business sector. It is in the interest of the business community, as well as its responsible stewardship, for companies and their associations to play a full part in taking steps to increase energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions," the draft stated.

Risk Index

The Philippines currently ranks fourth in the Global Climate Risk Index, with 15 of its 16 regions susceptible to sea level rise.

Shell had said that because of global warming, it is likely that there will be severe drought in the agricultural regions of Western Mindanao and increased rainfall in Central Luzon, the country's rice bowl.

Gozun had also said that the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration estimated that a 1-meter rise in Manila Bay will lead to 5,000 hectares being inundated and 2 million people being displaced.

Since 1961, sea levels have risen by an average of 1.8 millimeters a year.

But from 1993 to 2003, the average increased to 3.1 mm a year.

Concrete actions

According to the draft, businesses have committed to take concrete and practical ac-

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'Ondoy's' lesson: We must change the way we live

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

LAST WEEK'S COLUMN PIECE "Where Have All the 'Esteros' Gone?" has generated several feedback from readers.

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Chronic disregard

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Plastic-free Philippines

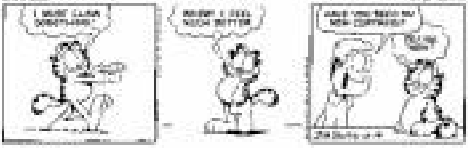
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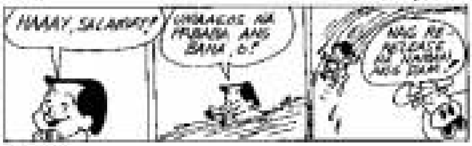




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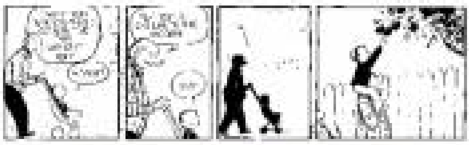
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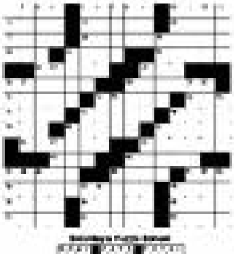
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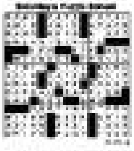


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Another Hong Kong piano grand-prize winner debuts in Manila

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

'Ondoy's' . . .

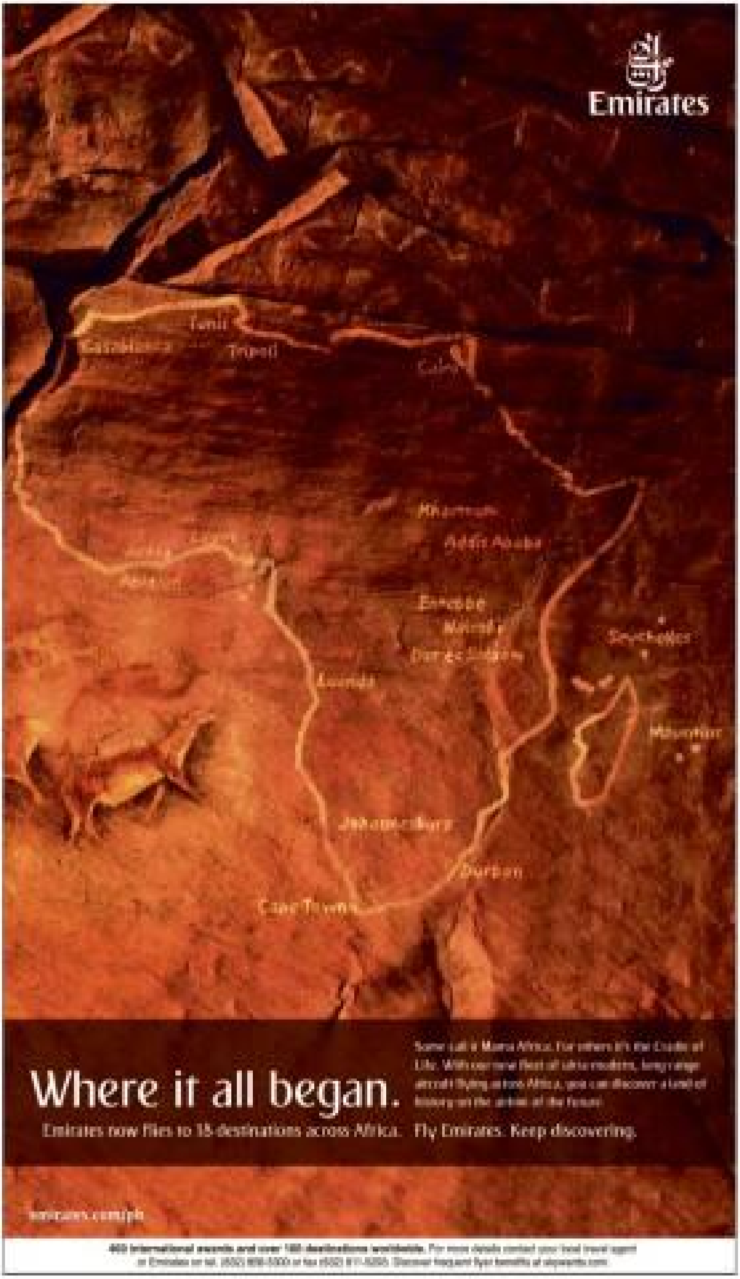
From page C1

New hot titles from National Book Store









New children's book

THE CENTER FOR ART, NEW Ventures and Sustainable Development (Canvas), with the UST Publishing House, has released the new children's book "Ang Dyip ni Mang Tomas."

Anthony Palomo's paintings illustrating the book are on view at ArtistSpace, Ayala Museum, until Oct 27.

"Ang Dyip ni Mang Tomas," written by Palanca winner Genaro R. Gojo Cruz, is a touching tribute of a son to the father.

The story was inspired by ac- classically Pinoy icons, traditions and values—from the jeepney to the family and Simbang Gabi—and will be enjoyed by young and old alike.

The book is in Filipino, with an English translation by children's literature writer and UP professor Heidi Eusebio Abad.

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Spanish flamenco guitarist in concert, demo class

CONCERT ARTIST, COMPOSER AND AUTHOR OF A NEW method of teaching flamenco guitar, Oscar Herrero is featured by Instituto Cervantes de Manila in the concert "New Flamenco Guitar," today, 6:30 p.m., at De La Salle-College of St. Benilde. Earlier today at 10 a.m., Herrero will give a master class on flamenco guitar at Instituto Cervantes (855 T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila). Call (632) 526-1482, or visit http://manila.cervantes.es.

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YOUNG AND EXCITING. Artists Kiri Dalena, Mark Salvatus, Dina Gadia, Buen Calubayan, Farley del Rosario and Lindslee, with curator Jay Pacena. Not in photo: Kawayan de Guia, Winner Jumalon, Cleodyne Uy and Raymond Legaspi

Nokia bares 10 Most Exciting Young Artists

As part of the Nokia and Inquirer Lifestyle Series, the "10 Most Exciting Young Artists" will open on Oct. 28 at The Gallery of Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati.

The 10 artists are Buen Calubayan, Kiri Dalena, Kawayan de Guia, Farley del Rosario, Dina Gadia, Raymond Legaspi, Lindslee, Winner Jumalon, Mark Salvatus and Cleodyne Uy.

The artists were chosen by internationally renowned sculptor Ramon Orlina, award-winning artist Gaston "Igat" Damag, the art director of [illegible] magazine, and Inquirer Lifestyle editor Thelma San Juan.

Artist-filmmaker Jay Pacena, who will curate the exhibit, said the artists showed the vibrancy of the Philippine art scene.

"Artists today explore different mediums, they don't use traditional forms," he said. "They break, restructure or go beyond the form. They explore different techniques and have new output."

Calubayan, Dalena, Del Rosario, Gadia and Salvatus are featured in this issue.

Nokia bares 10 Most Exciting Young Artists



KIRI DALENA

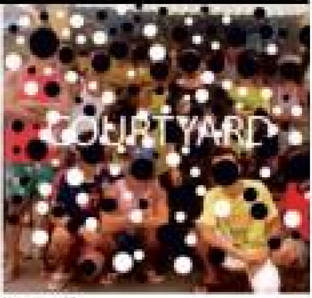
The artist as activist



MARK SALVATUS

The 'probinsyano' rebuilds the city





"COURTYARD"

FARLEY DEL ROSARIO

The quiet and the loud





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Austria at Hiraya



The 'probinsyano' rebuilds the city

ENTERTAINMENT

Bing Lao's big journey



Busan forum tackles industry plight, incentives



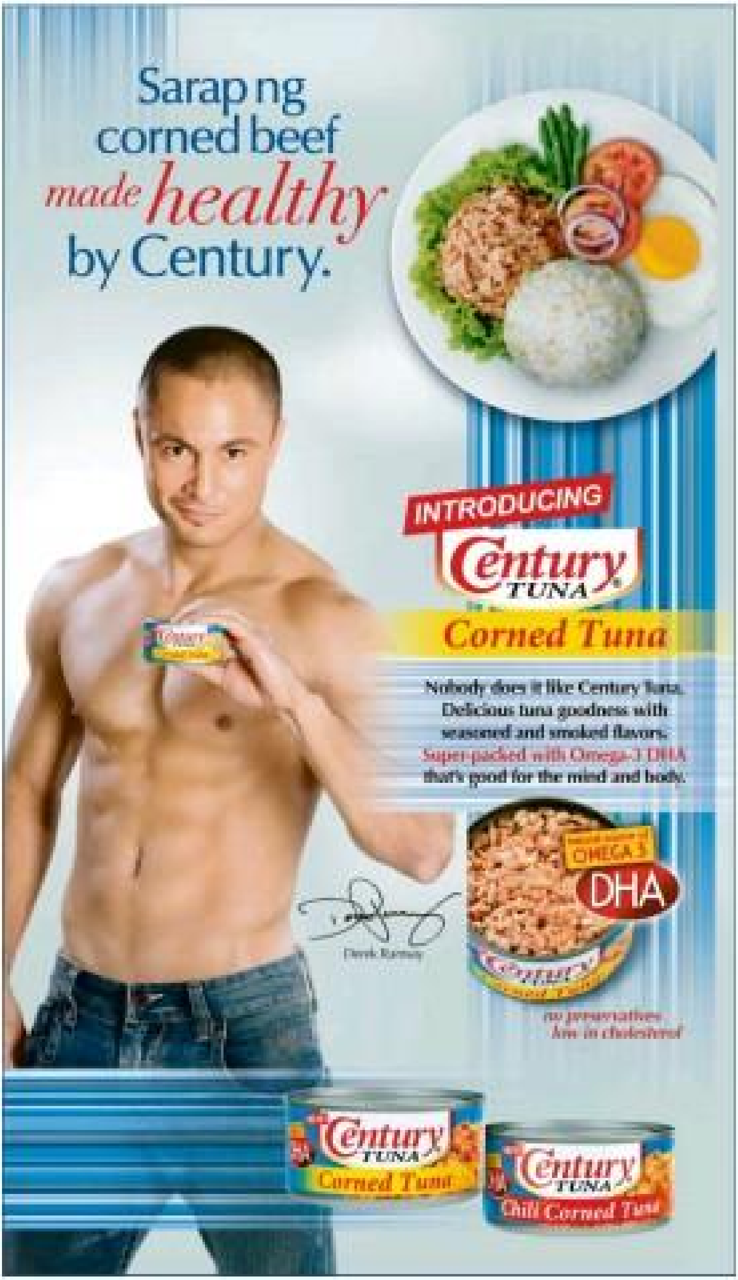
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Unsung hero

Bing Lao's big journey

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ARMANDO "Bing" Lao

how it is to make a film."

Lao's first film "Biyaheng Lupa" premieres in the Cinemanila International Film Festival today, where it's part of the Digital Lokal competition.

Another student, filmmaker Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil, points out: "When I first directed a script he wrote for me for the TV show 'Maalaala Mo Kaya' more than a decade ago, it was clear that he wrote it as a director. He didn't stop with the script; he was a real partner from casting to editing."

For Lao, "scripting was filmmaking itself," notes Marfil.

Lao agrees: "In my previous capacities as scriptwriter and creative consultant, I got involved in all phases of production. From research, brainstorming, location hunting, auditions, even negotiations with the actors."

He says his work style proved to be "good training ground" for "Biyaheng Lupa."

"I got to familiarize myself with all aspects of production. From the budget. As writer, I learned to be budget conscious," he explains.

Although the film was supposed to be directed by another filmmaker, it somehow landed on Lao's lap.

For Quantum producer Joji Alonso, Lao's big leap from page to screen is a natural progression.

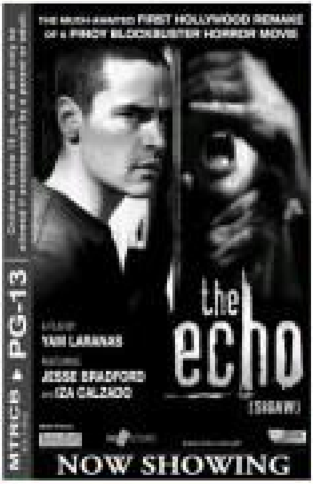
"Coincidentally, he shares the same initials as his debut film—BL."

Lao, who also wrote the screenplay of "Biyaheng Lupa," says the film took the same circuitous journey as the characters took.

"It started as the story of a [illegible] who took a bus ride from Manila to Bicol," he recalls. "It was a road movie, initially told using dramatic time."

Then, he shifted points of view and turned it into the story of society. "Not just the story of one passenger but of all the passengers in the bus. It's no longer dramatic time… because it's not just about an individual. It must also be real time because it's told mainly through voiceover."

As such, "Biyaheng Lupa" is recounted in "poetic time, beyond physical logic."









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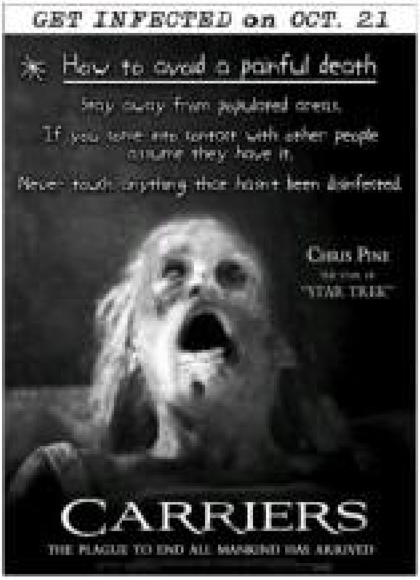
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LEARNING

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso



THIGH HIGH flooding in a classroom in San Pedro, Laguna brought about by Typhoon "Ondoy."

A deluge of help is what our schools need

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

START WITH THE CHILDren, if you are looking to help rebuild broken lives after the back-to-back typhoons that have just hit the country.

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PATTERN of destruction at Elementary School in Pangasinan, after water from the Agno River breached a dike at the height of Typhoon "Pepeng."



LET THIS image be a catalyst for change: flood-soaked books and papers in a classroom in Marikina's Sta. Elena High School.

2009 IIE Lesson Plan Contest
The Cory and Ninoy Legacies

DUE to the recent calamities that disrupted classes in the country, the deadline for submission of entries to the IIE Lesson Plan Contest: The Cory and Ninoy Legacies has been extended to **Nov. 16, 2009.**

The contest is open to all classroom teachers in public and private elementary and high schools in the Philippines.

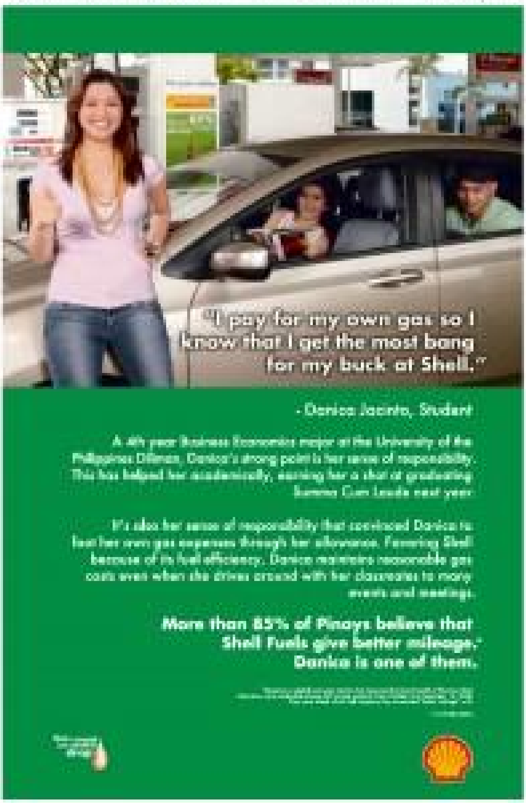
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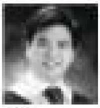


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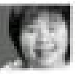
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Inspiring young writers

The path to righteousness

EUREKA! Queena N. Lee-Chua



Is too much self-esteem not good for kids?



Shocking truths

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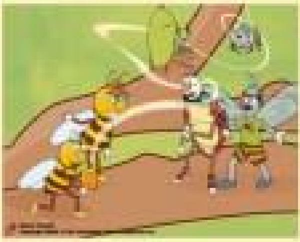
José – Fly Reporter

Chapter 7 – The Visitors

Written by Cathy Sewell
Illustrated by Blaise Sewell

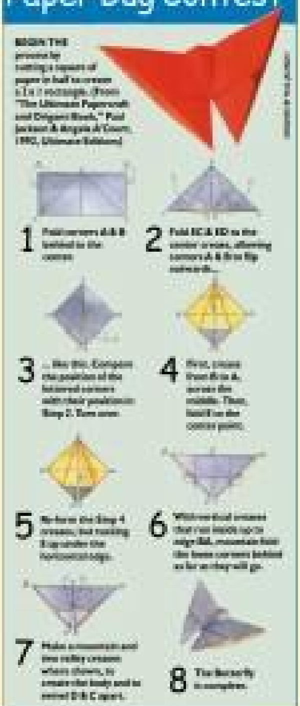
THE ROARING BUZZ surrounded the newspaper office. Just when the fly and the ladybug were about to dive under a stack of recycled paper, the source of the loud noise appeared.

A loud, strange noise invaded the newspaper office while the team was working on their next edition.



Next Monday: The Mystery is Solved

Paper Bug Contest



8 The Butterfly is complete.



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The labor of ladybugs



Teachers' Month Campaign extended





I LOVE My Teachers Day in Barangay became an occasion for a gathering of teachers from all over the province.

Conference on English language for non-English speakers